Total number of cases detected by zonal offices

Year	Bombay	Calcutta	Delhi	Jalandhar	Madras
1993	1320	991	992	220	1512
1994	1631	1050	1566	942	1412
1995	1508	931	1953	268	973

(c) At present, data regarding the number of persons involved in such cases is not being generated.

Jobs to Dependents of Deceased Employees in U.B.I.

3482. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether United Bank Of India, Calcutta has not yet settled various cases of employment under compassionate grounds;

(b) whether a series of representations have been pending with the bank for a long time in this regard;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the time by which all these cases are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) United Bank of India has reported that the cases of all eligible persons for employment under compassionate grounds (Die-in-harness Scheme) have been settled as on date.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Exemption of Insurance Sector from Regulatory Control of CAG and CBI

3483. SHRI S. SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Confederation of Indian Industry has sought to free the Insurance sector from regulatory control of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) As per the news item appearing in Financial Express dated August 3, 1996, Confederation of Indian Industry has made the suggestion that both Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and General Insurance Corporation (GIC) should be freed from regulatory controls of CAG and CBI. However, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Monitoring of Sick PSUs

3484. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Group comprising of some Ministers led by Finance Minister has been set up to oversee the sick Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) A Group of Ministers (GOM) under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister was constituted by Government in March 1994 to review the performance of public sector enterprises (PSEs), particularly sick enterprises. The terms of reference included giving directions and guidelines to Ministries on the package of relief to take a stand or make a commitment before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in each case of PSE referred to BIFR.

Issue of Licence for Ice-Cream

3485. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have issued licences to Multinational Corporations to operate in India in the field of Ice-cream ;

(b) if so, the names of the companies already established their out-lets, location-wise and the Multinational Corporation likely to join them ;

(c) whether any studies has been conducted regarding their impact on indigenous manufacturers ;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to safeguard their interests ;

(e) whether the prices of Ice-cream have gone up after the entry of Multinational Corporations in the field ;

(f) if so, the details thereof ;

(g) the steps taken to control the increasing prices ; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Government have not issued industrial licences to any large company with foreign equity for manufacture of ice-cream.

(b) to (h) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Debt Relief Scheme in A.P.

3486. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

The total amount given under Agriclutural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme to Andhra Pradesh so far ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : As per data available from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) the total amount of debt relief provided to borrowers in Andhra Pradesh under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 was Rs. 882.66 crores.

Exemption under Income from Agriculture

3487. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of income-tax payers in Delhi ;

(b) the number and details out of them who have sought income-tax exemption on income from Agriculture during the last three years ; and

(c) the amount of exemption sought and the amount exempted during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The number of income-tax payers in Delhi is as under :

As on 31.3.94	6.76 lakhs
As on 31.3.95	6.24 lakhs
As on 31.3.96	6.24 lakhs

(b) and (c) As per Section 10(1) of Income Tax Act, 1961, agricultural income is not includible in the total income of any person. However, in the case of an Individual, Hindu Undivided Family, Association of Persons, Body of Individuals and Artificial Juridical Persons if the net agricultural income of previous year exceeds six hundred rupees and the non-agricultural total income exceeds the exemption limit, such net agricultural income is aggregated with the total income for determining rate of income tax on non-agricultural total income. The details of cases involving aggregation of agricultural income and the amount of net agricultural income aggregated are as under :

Financial Year	No. of cases	Amount of net agricultural income aggregated
1993-94	635	Rs. 42270(000)
1994-95	633	Rs. 42548(000)
1995-96	867	Rs. 48263(000)

Burn Standard Company Ltd.

3488. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total strength of workers and staff of the Refractory units of Burn Standard Co. Ltd. before it was taken over by Government and also as on date unit wise ; and

(b) the number of workers and staff who have accepted retirement under voluntary retirement scheme alongwith the details of rate offered ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The strength of staff and workers of Refractory units before take over and also as on 31.7.96 is as under :

Unit	Staff and workers strength before take over	Staff and workers strength as on 31.7.96
Rani-Ganj Group of works	2469	1115
Gulfarbari	840	373
Jabalpur	945	297
Niwar	345	213
Salem	2983	1406

(b) The number of workers and staff who have accepted retirement under voluntary retirement scheme are as under :